Dear Ms. Begue, Mrs. Cyr, Mr. Hewes, and any concerned:

I regret to inform you that I will be resigning from my teaching position at Bacon Academy as of this date Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022. I would like to thank my colleagues Kelly Blain, Stephen Byrne, Karen Christianson, Kaylee Manning, Rafe Manning, Peggy Smigel, Dave Williams, and Sam Norman for their compassion, expertise, and collegiality. I will miss them. They are good, solid people who love their jobs and work incredibly hard to ensure that students have the best of everything. I know that our students will flourish as readers under their care.

I also want to thank Sabine Januski and Karen Christianson for their wisdom and positivity – they are two pretty awesome, pretty inspirational ladies. Sabine is an incredibly helpful coach and a profoundly valuable resource who will undoubtedly prove an indispensable asset to our school. Karen is an irreplaceable force, a grounded and humble master teacher who reminded me what it means to teach from the heart, and who has always been a pillar of the English the department. Her wisdom and gentleness gave me hope and purpose on some of my toughest days. Actually - I could say the same about Susan McKiernan. What an absolute gem.

Of course, I will miss my students very much, especially this year's graduating seniors. They were my babies here - my first class, and I am graduating with them. They are curious, ambitious, and - most importantly - kind young people with bright futures.

Finally, I would like to thank the faculty and administration. It is clear to me that the Bacon Academy faculty and administration is dedicated to the holistic education of their students: I see it every day. Students are the priority. Thank you to Melissa, Amy, and Charles for constructive, helpful feedback and fair evaluations; for trusting a rookie, and giving me enough space and time to hone my craft. They did so with the utmost grace. I know that I will grow as a teacher in the coming years, but I doubt that my growth will be as exponential as it was at Bacon Academy.

I wish everyone nothing but the best, and I am confident that the school will continue to grow into a nurturing environment where students feel safe to be who they are and to explore what makes them tick.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Butler